

# **MDCD – Office of Career and Technical Preparation**

## **Types of Career and Technical Programs**

### **Wage-Earning**

Career and Technical Education occupational preparation programs that prepare students for successful career entry, advancement and/or continuing education with transferable skills that are transferable as well as job specific. CTE wage-earning occupational programs include Agri-science and Natural Resources, Allied Health Technologies, Business Services and Technology, Child & Adult Care Services, Cosmetology, Hospitality & Food Services, Marketing Education, and Trade and Industry.

These programs include classroom and laboratory experiences and work-based instruction that is competency-based. Instructional delivery for these programs includes regular instructional delivery (classroom), Less-Than-Class-Size, or Contracted.

A Less-Than-Class-Size (LTCS) program provides an opportunity for schools to test or pilot a unique program in their areas or to deliver a program not already available through existing career and technical education by using the local business community as an instructional site. A LTCS program can also provide a program to a student who, because of his/her unique circumstance, cannot take advantage of a program available through the regular CTE offerings. This program is aligned with the student's education development plan and is based on predetermined goals, objectives, tasks, and curriculum developed by the participating education agency, contractor, and approved by the OCTP.

A Contracted program is provided within and by a private or public secondary and postsecondary school, business or industry in accordance with a written contractual agreement.

### **Family and Consumer Science (FCS) (formerly, Life Management Education (LME))**

Career and Technical Education occupational preparation programs that provide students the opportunity to develop knowledge and skills to become contributing members of society and function in multiple roles in day-to-day living and employment throughout their life cycle.

To be approved and eligible for state funding, FCS programs must operate a minimum of four different one-semester courses (one must be Parenthood Education) or two full year courses (Parenthood education must be one of the courses offered). The programs must also reflect Michigan FCS standards and benchmarks.

02	Parenthood	06	Essential Health and Living Skills
03	Personal Living	07	Family Living
04	Consumer Economics Education	08	Nutrition Education
		09	Balancing Work and Family

### **Cooperative Education (COOP)**

When used in Career and Technical Education, the term "Cooperative Education" means a method of instruction for individuals, who, through written cooperative arrangements between the school and employers, receive instruction, including required academic courses and related career and technical instruction, by combining study in school with a part-time job. COOP provides students with an opportunity to extend their preparation for employment beyond the classroom. The student must be enrolled in an approved related CTE program for at least 120 hours per year (7,200 minutes) and must attend this class for a minimum of one hour (40 to 60 minute) per week.

For State Aid Added Cost reimbursement purposes, if a student is

1. Enrolled in an approved CTE program for the minimum hours/minutes required for the program and
2. Is concurrently employed in a related Co-Op program for an average of not fewer than 15 hours per week during the effective times of the pupil's training agreement;

then, the student can be listed as enrolled in the program and is counted as eligible for State Aid Added cost program reimbursement and the student can also be counted toward the calculation of Co-Op Coordination.

However, if the student is:

1. Enrolled in an approved CTE program for less than the minimum hours/minutes required for the program and
2. Is concurrently employed in a related Co-Op program for an average of not fewer than 15 hours per week during the effective times of the pupil's training agreement,

then, the student cannot be listed as enrolled in the program or counted as eligible for State Aid Added cost program reimbursement. However, the student can be counted toward the calculation of Co-Op Coordination.